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PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Dear Estero Neighbor,

Estero's historically high voter registration, high voter participation in both primary and general elections and support for the recommendations of the Estero Candidate Screening Committee have greatly increased our influence on our U S Congressman, State Senators and Representatives, County Board and School Board members.

The establishment of the Village Council has reduced our reliance on some of these offices, but they still greatly influence the availability and funding of the public services our community needs.

Consequently the Estero Candidate Screening Committee needs to continue to maximize the community's participation in the 2018 August Primary and November General Election.

Vote by Mail

In the 2016 Presidential Election 13,120 of Estero's 24,300 registered voters requested Vote by Mail ballots and over 90% of them returned them by Election Day. As a result over 60% of all Estero votes cast in that election were Vote by Mail ballots and Estero's voter turnout (Participation Rate) was over 80%, seventeen points higher than the County turnout of 62.6%.

Unfortunately the applications of **over 5,300 Estero** "Vote by Mail" voters **expired** with the 2016 General Election, and **most of them have still not renewed their applications.**

If Estero is to maintain its electoral participation reputation in the 2018 Primary and General Elections, we need to help these residents file applications once again for Vote by Mail ballots for the 2018 Elections.

Any registered voter may "Vote by Mail". It's very easy to Vote by Mail in Florida, just go to the Supervisor of Elections webpage...<https://www.lee.vote/voters/vote-by-mail-request/>...click the "Proceed" button and follow the instructions;

OR

Call 533-8683 and tell them you and your family want to Vote by Mail in the Primary and General Elections this year.



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Voter Registration

Since the Estero Village Council was established three years ago about 1,150 additional Estero residents have registered to vote in Florida.

According to demographic consultants for the Village most of our future population growth will come from existing Estero “snowbirds” transitioning to full time residents. This change presents us with a continuing opportunity to expand our voting population as well.

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections website at: <http://www.lee.vote/voters/online-voter-registration/> directs you how to register three ways: online, by downloading an application and in person.

Online Registration: Click the “Register Here” button on the following page of the Supervisor’s site... <https://www.lee.vote/voters/register-to-vote/> ...and follow the instructions for each member of your family

Download, Complete and Mail a Registration Form: download as many forms as persons you want to register from the...” If you would prefer, you may print out a blank form and fill it out later. [English PDF] / [Spanish PDF]” section of the following webpage...<https://www.lee.vote/voters/online-voter-registration/> ... complete them and mail them to:

Supervisor of Elections
PO Box 2545
Fort Myers FL 33902-2545

In Person Registration: If you prefer to register in person you can do so at any of these convenient locations:

South County Regional Library
21100 Three Oaks Parkway

Estero Chamber of Commerce
9351 Corkscrew Road

Bonita Springs Elections Branch Office
25987 Tamiami Trail

Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce
25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive